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Osamu YOGI, et al. ) Confirmation No.: 4361  
Application No.: 10/529,060 ) Group Art Unit: 2861  
Filed: March 24, 2005 ) Examiner: Anh T.N. Vo  
For: DROPLET FORMING METHOD FOR )  
MIXED LIQUID AND DROPLET )  
FORMING DEVICE, AND INK JET )  
PRINTING METHOD AND DEVICE, )  
AND INK JET PRINTING )  
ELECTRODE-CARRYING NOZZLE )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is due for filing this IDS and is attached hereto.

No item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and recollection after making a reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained

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in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated April 22, 2008 in a non-counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action dated April 22, 2008 from the non-counterpart Japanese application is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. While the Japanese Office Action dated April 22, 2008 additionally cites to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-329771, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H11-300975, WO99/015876, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-062165, WO99/037400 and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-185403, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously filed in an IDS in this application on September 1, 2005 or March 11, 2008.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood at least from the attached English-language abstract, and/or from the citation of the document in the attached Japanese Office Action dated April 22, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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